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Office Action Summary

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☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 6.20.00

☐ This action is FINAL.

☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Disposition of Claims

☒ Claim(s) 22-27 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

☒ Claim(s) 22-27 is/are rejected.

☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.

☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

☒ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____

☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 22-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Morrison et al.

Morrison et al discloses a guidewire having a core of carbon steels as well as titanium (Col. 2, lns. 5-10), and a coil of two connected sections (13,16) of stainless steel (Col. 2, lns. 6), having a circular-cross section and extending the entire length of the guidewire (Fig. 1, Col. 2, lns. 64-68), and at (19) a brazing compound to secure the coils to the core.

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

1. Mar et al. (4,721,117) discloses a guidewire having a coil over a substantial portion of the core.
2. Sauter (5,891,055) discloses a guidewire having multiple coils over the length of the device and the distal portion of the coil embedded within the distal tip.
3. McMahon (6,106,485) discloses a guidewire with a coil covering the distal most portion of the core.

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4. Engelson (5,984,878) discloses a guidewire having a coil over the distal tip and a coating over the length of device.

Any questions regarding this application can be addressed to Pamela Wingood who can be reached on (703)308-2676.

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